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SUBJECT: OKINAWAN REACTION TO PANMUNJOM INCIDENT

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1. SUMMARY: THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR ADVERSE REACTION TO USE OF KADENA AIR BASE IN CONNECTION WITH PANMUNJOM INCIDENT. IN COMING WEEKS, HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AND RENEWED DISCUSSION RE FUTURE USE OF OKINAWAN BASES IN CONNECTION WITH KOREAN CONTINGENCIES FOR WHICH THERE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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LITTLE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT AMONG OKINAWANS, REGARDLESS

OF POLITICAL PARTY. END SUMMARY.

2. USE OF US BASES IN OKINAWA IN CONNECTION WITH PANMUNJOM INCIDENT HAS NOT TO DATE GENERATED DISPROPORTIONATE AND EMOTIONAL REACTION OFTEN ACCORDED INCIDENTS INVOLVING US BASES ON OKINAWA. PANMUNJOM INCIDENT AND US ACTIONS IN RESPONSE THERETO HAVE BEEN TREATED AS MAJOR NEWS, BUT MEDIA COVERAGE, MOSTLY DRAWN FROM INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICES, HAS GENERALLY BEEN STRAIGHTFORWARD AND FACTUAL. AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, LOCAL PRESS RAN ONE-TIME EDITORIALS AND GENSUIKYO ANTI A&H BOMB ORGANIZATION HELD SMALL RALLY OUTSIDE KADENA AIR BASE WHICH PROTESTED DESPATCH TO KOREA

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OF KADENA-BASED F4 SQUADRON AND PLAYED UP RISK OF INVOLVING OKINAWA IN WAR. HOWEVER, NEWS MEDIA ONLY FOCUSSED ON KADENA AB FOR A FEW DAYS AND CONGEN RECEIVED PROTEST ONLY FROM ONE LOW-LEVEL LEFT-WING DELEGATION.

3. PANMUNJOM INCIDENT WAS OF COURSE GREATLY OVERSHADOWED IN NEWS MEDIA BY EVENTS IN TOKYO RE FUTURE OF MIKI GOVERNMENT. MOREOVER, AUGUST IS MONTH OF LIMITED POLITICAL ACTIVITY HERE. USE OF OUR OKINAWA BASES IN SUPPORT OF KOREAN CONTINGENCIES IS SUBJECT OF MAJOR AND CONTINUING INTEREST TO OKINAWA POLITICAL CIRCLES, BOTH CONSERVATIVE AND REFORMIST, AND MAY BE SUBJECT OF DEBATE WHEN PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES ITS REGULAR SESSION LATER THIS MONTH. LOCAL PRESS (REFTEL) HAS REPORTED DIET INTERPELLATIONS AND GOJ RESPONSES, PARTICULARLY RE USE OF KADENA- BASED KC135S IN REFUELING F-111S, AND THERE MAY BE FOLLOWUP QUESTIONS IN PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY AS WELL AS IN JAPANESE DIET. IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT, IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN RECENTLY, LOCAL LDP LEADERS DISPLAYED ESSENTIALLY SAME LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT FOR USE OF OKINAWA BASES IN KOREA CONTINGENCIES AS ONE WOULD HEAR FROM REFORMIST AND ANTI-BASE CIRCLES.

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